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TO:

Admiral B.R. Inman

Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT:

Dissemination of Warning Intelligence

We have had several recent expressions of interest from our constituents and missions abroad for more frequent US intelligence judgments on potential crisis areas such as Poland, the Middle East, Central America, Southwest Asia -- indeed, almost anywhere that the interests of the US, its allies, and friends could be involved.

It seems to us a reasonable proposition that the results of the monthly NIO warning meetings (now disseminated primarily among participants) could be sanitized and distributed to appropriate diplomatic and military posts abroad. I recognize that the NIO Warning Minutes at present are informal and do not represent coordinated national language; but we could and should incorporate alternate views as necessary. The NIOs can draft consensus where it exists, and it should prove of significant value for all of our constituents abroad at negligible extra effort to us. Moreover, I think such a procedure would lend purpose, discipline, and structure to our overall warning process, which would benefit us all and complement the recent expansion of the warning effort we have undertaken here in the US.

I would appreciate your reaction to this idea, and, if favorable, would like to raise it at an early NFIB.

Meanwhile, I am sharing copies of this memorandum with CIA, DIA, and NSA as a basis for discussion of the idea in the NFIB.

Hugh Montgomery

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